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1. ON MAY 7, PRESIDENT FORD SIGNED EXECUTIVE ORDER 11858
TO IMPLEMENT NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE U.S. PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER,
THE FOLLOWING ARE BEING ESTABLISHED:

A. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN U.S., TO BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES (NOT BELOW LEVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY) OF SECRETARIES OF STATE, TREASURY, DEFENSE, AND COMMERCE AND OF ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND CIEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. REPRESENTATIVE OF TREASURY SECRETARY IS TO BE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND UNDER SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS JACK BENNETT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED. COMMITTEE WILL ASSESS GENERAL TRENDS AND SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND REVIEW INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S. WHICH, IN COMMITTEE'S JUDGMENT, MIGHT HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS. COMMITTEE WILL ALSO OVERSEE ARRANGEMENTS ON ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON SPECIFIC MAJOR PROSPECTIVE

INVESTMENTS BY SUCH GOVERNMENTS. IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERING PROPOSALS FOR NEW LEGISLATION OR ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS. AS NEED ARISES, THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NSC AND THE EPB.

- B. OFFICE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO OBTAIN, CONSOLIDATE, AND ANALYZE INFORMATION ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY AND ALSO SUBMIT TO COMMITTEE REPORTS, ANALYSES, DATA, AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW INFORMATION ON SUCH INVESTMENT CAN BE KEPT CURRENT.
- 2. EXECUTIVE ORDER WAS PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO STATEMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES IN HEARINGS MARCH 4 BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE INTENSIVE REVIEW OF USG POLICY ON INWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND CONSIDERED NEW LEGISLATION UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME. (SEE REFTEL.) AS INDICATED UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT INVESTMENTS BY GOVERNMENTS MAY INVOLVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND, THEREFORE, WE EXPECT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE CONTEMPLATING MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S. TO CONSULT WITH US ON SUCH INVESTMENTS.

3. WE WANT TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT USG PLANS A GENERALIZED SCREENING PROCEDURE. WE EXPECT COMMITTEE

TO CONCERN ITSELF ONLY WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONAL CASES AND THUS DO NOT REGARD OUR NEW PROCEDURES AS A DEPARTURE FROM OUR TRADITIONAL OPEN-DOOR POLICY TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY

- 4. CONSULTATION PROCEDURE WILL GIVE USG OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENTS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WHICH, IF CONSUMMATED, MIGHT HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST OR RAISE IMPORTANT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES. USG VIEWS SUCH CONSULTATIONS AS BENEFICIAL TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS TO THE USG IN THAT THEY WILL REDUCE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
- 5. CONSULTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO SPECIFIC, PROSPECTIVE INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS, AND WE ARE SEEKING TO AVOID PRECISE OR RESTRICTIVE GUIDELINES AS TO KINDS OF INVESTMENTS OF WHICH USG SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. CONSULTATION PROCEDURES WILL BE FLEXIBLE, AND EACH INVESTMENT THAT

COMES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WILL NOT BE EXPECTED IN CASE OF DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS IN U.S. CORPORATE SECURITIES EVEN THOUGH AGGREGATE AMOUNT BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL INVESTOR MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL. NOR DO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL INVESTMENTS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FALL WITHIN THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE. USG HAS NO WISH OR INTENT TO INTRUDE UNNECESSARILY UPON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL INVESTORS AND THEIR INVESTMENT COUNSELORS.

6. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE HOST GOVERNMENTS WITH COPIES OF EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PRESS RELEASE ISSUED UNCLASSIFIED

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